

APPEAL NO. 032482  
FILED OCTOBER 22, 2003

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing (CCH) was held on August 20, 2003. The hearing officer resolved the disputed issues by deciding that the respondent (claimant) sustained a compensable injury on \_\_\_\_\_, and had disability beginning on February 10, 2003, and continuing through the date of the CCH. The appellant (self-insured) appealed, disputing the compensable injury and disability determinations. The claimant responded, urging affirmance.

DECISION

Affirmed.

The claimant had the burden to prove that she sustained a compensable injury as defined by Section 401.011(10) and that she had disability as defined by Section 401.011(16). Conflicting evidence was presented on the disputed issues. The hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and credibility of the evidence. Section 410.165(a). As the finder of fact, the hearing officer resolves the conflicts in the evidence and determines what facts have been established. The hearing officer noted that the claimant's testimony was credible and persuasive. Although there is conflicting evidence in this case, we conclude that the hearing officer's determinations on the appealed issues of compensable injury and disability are supported by sufficient evidence and are not so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong and unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W. 2d 175 (Tex. 1986).

We affirm the decision and order of the hearing officer.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **(a self-insured governmental entity)** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

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(ADDRESS)  
(CITY), TEXAS (ZIP CODE).**

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Margaret L. Turner  
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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Elaine M. Chaney  
Appeals Judge

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Edward Vilano  
Appeals Judge